

Aly's art delivers message

By ELLIE PIPE

TRANSFORMING marine debris into art is becoming more than just a project of passion for Territory artist Aly de Groot.

The innovative artist highlights the plight of threatened marine species through her sculptural pieces, which she creates from recycled nets and other collected debris.

"I see art as a means to create a relationship with the land and educate people about the fragility of the relationship with our marine environment," she said.

The infamous "ghost nets" pose a threat to marine life in northern waters.

Ghost Net Australia has been operating since 2004 to tackle the problem.

Darwin project officer Grace Heathcote said the artwork was fantastic.

"(She's) recycling the nets, getting them off our beaches and raising awareness," she said.

Ms de Groot is a PhD candidate at Charles Darwin University.

She also teaches her techniques in workshops across Australia.



Territory artist Aly de Groot works on another creation